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The following e-mail was distributed to program directors and instructional staff.



IMPORTANT: 2014 GED® Testing Information

Phew! We've crossed the GED® 2002 finish line. Pat yourselves on your backs ... No doubt your students appreciate all the hard work you've done to help them test and pass the 2002 GED® test series!

Looking ahead to January 2014...

For our first communication following GED® 2002 testing, we would like to reiterate what can be easily located at the GED Testing Service® site under *Educators* and, particularly, recommend the FAQs section at www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/2014-faqs. If you place the mouse over *For the Educators* at that URL, you may choose from a plethora of resources extending from professional development to an item sampler.

As you can well imagine, we cannot e-mail message answers to all your GED® test questions, therefore, now that GED® 2002 testing has concluded, we strongly encourage you to explore the GED® test resource site and locate answers to your questions.

If you cannot locate the information you are seeking, please do not contact GED Testing Service®, but email Rae Smith (rae.smith@ky.gov) or Jacqueline Korengel (Jacqueline.korengel@ky.gov).

We'd like to share:

- Once we get an agreement in place with KET, Ready™ test vouchers (codes) will be distributed to programs based on a population in need formula. As shared in our previous email: *However, if you are in dire need of a Ready™ test(s), MyGED portal has launched and you can find more information pertaining to that at the GED Testing Service® site (www.gedtestingservice.com – click on Educators). To purchase, KET will honor (in good faith of our agreement) the price we've negotiated for the MOA to you. However, you will need to use your program funds to purchase it/them direct from KET by calling 800-354-9067 or 859-258-7218.*
- There will be four (4) content areas versus the current five (5) on the new test: Reasoning through Language Arts; Mathematical Reasoning; Science; Social Studies
- A new score scale has been established for the **test that ranges from 100 to 200 scaled score points** on each of the four content area tests/modules.

- For each of the **four content area tests/modules**, the **Passing Standard (minimum score)** is equal to a scaled score of 150.
- **Passing the 4-module test battery requires test-takers to earn a minimum score of 150 on each content area test/module in order to earn a high school equivalency diploma.**
- **Honors distinction is given per content area test/module. 170 scale score or above will qualify test-takers for an Honors distinction.**
GEDTS® does not have Honors at the candidate (overall) level yet.
- The Honors distinction is **planned to launch when the new GED® test is launched.**
- **Official Computer-Based-Testing (CBT) centers are managed by Pearson VUE, not KYAE.** We encourage you to **build a relationship** with your local center(s) so they are aware of *free instruction* and *readiness testing* for adult students needing to improve content area competencies. As with the GED® 2002 testing, alerting your local testing center to testing demands MAY lead to center hours that are mutually accommodating.
- **Learn to navigate MyGED® – the new student portal where students register for the 2014 GED® test, take the Ready™ test, and much more – visit [MyGED™ How To Guide](#).**

Hope your Holidays are filled with joy and friends and family!

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